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MIMULUS PRIMULOIDES
PRIMROSE MONKEYFLOWER

Primrose Monkeyflower is a small perennial that forms mats of small rosette-like plants from a network of thin shallow rooted rhizomes. The stems are up to 6 cm tall. The lance-shaped leaves are mostly entire-margined, sessile, crowded near the base, and are 7-25 mm long. Foliage is covered with both stiff and soft hairs, rarely glabrous, and is also often sticky. The flowers are solitary. The yellow corollas are 1-2 cm long, two-lipped, and formed of petals united most of their length into a tube with flaring, notched lobes. The narrow calyx is 4-8 mm long and also formed of united segments. Flowering July-early September.

The combination of yellow flowers, and leaves clustered near the base, separate this species from other perennial *MIMULUS* in our area.